

**REMARKS:****Claims 15-18, 30**

Applicants acknowledge and appreciate allowance of claims 15-18 and 30.

**Claims 1-9**

Claim 1 has been rewritten to include all of the limitations of allowed claim 30. Claim 30 has consequently been canceled. Allowance of claims 1-9 is respectfully requested.

**Rejoinder**

Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of nonelected claims 24, 26, 28 and 29. See MPEP 821.04. Claims 24 and 28 depend from allowable claim 1. Claim 26 depends from allowed claim 15. Claim 29 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 15.

**Remaining nonelected claims**

The nonelected claims not selected for rejoinder have been canceled.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 971-2573. For payment of any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2587 (Order No. HSJ920030096US1).

Respectfully submitted,

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